

Central Maine Library District

Annual Report 2006-2007

Mission Statement

“The purpose of the Central Maine Library District is to promote improved service for the constituents of its member libraries.”

The Central Maine Library District serves Androscoggin, Franklin, Lincoln, Kennebec, Oxford, Sagadahoc, and Somerset Counties.

The District Office is located at the Maine State Library.

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Executive Board, 2006-2007

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July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

CMLD DISTRICT GOALS

1. To increase public awareness, use, and support of Maine libraries
2. To facilitate professional development
3. To encourage resource sharing and regional cooperation
4. To foster literacy
5. To improve communication among libraries and library organizations
6. To foster improved library service

HIGHLIGHTS

DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Fifty three librarians and library staff members attended the fall council meeting November 2, 2006, at the Augusta Civic Center. Personal Organizer Brenda Cartwright presented a program about getting organized and coping with feeling overwhelmed in the workplace. A follow up session, attended by 33 participants, took place on January 25, 2007 at the Augusta Holiday Inn.

A spring council meeting, *So, You Think You Know Copyright?* was held at the newly renovated and expanded Auburn Public Library. 36 participants attended the May 17, 2007 event which featured a game-show format session planned by Shelly Davis. Certificates of appreciation were presented to: Karl Beiser, Sarah Sugden, and Sandra Fowler. The featured library was Central Maine Community College, presented by Judy Frost. The Maine library mascot, Baxter, made a special appearance. Three executive board members were elected: David Olson (Wilton), Melanie Taylor Coombs (Bailey, Winthrop), and Susan Preece (Topsham).

PR/ADVOCACY

The emphasis again this year has been promoting awareness of libraries, especially the MARVEL! online databases, to the public in general, to senior citizens in particular. The CMLD PR Committee exhibited at the fall 2006 **Family Literacy Fair** to promote reading and libraries, as well as at several spring 2007 retiree conferences.

FAMILY PLACE LIBRARIES®

Maine was the 23rd state to join (2005) this national emergent literacy initiative, thanks to a generous 3-year grant from the Sandy River Foundation. Six CMLD libraries have been involved in training and received grants to launch the Parent-Child Workshop, which is a key component of the initiative.

CMLD Executive Board Committees

Program Committee

Kathy Brunjes, Central Maine Medical Center Library, Special Libraries Rep.

Shelly Davis, Mantor Library, University of Maine at Farmington, Academic Library Rep.

Betty Hughes, At-Large Rep.

Rick Speer, Lewiston Public Library, Public Library Rep.

2006 Executive Board Handbook Revision Committee

Jo Hipsher, Brunswick High School, School Library Rep.

Betty Hughes, At-Large Rep.

District Committees 2006-2007

Family Place Libraries

Auburn Public Library: Rosemary Waltos and Deb Cleveland

Norway Memorial Library: Ann Siekman and Anne Campbell

Wilton Free Public Library: David Olson and Sandra Warren

Hubbard Free Library, Hallowell: Melody Norman-Camp

Topsham Public Library: Susan Preece and Kate McGowen

Waterville Public Library: Sarah Sugden and Kathleen Kenny

Public Relations Committee

Melanie Taylor Coombs, Bailey Public Library, Winthrop

Shelly Davis, Mantor Library, University of Maine at Farmington

Sandra Fowler, School Librarian, Retired

Sarah Sugden, Waterville Public Library

Summer Reading Celebration Committee (inactive)

Kate McGowen, Topsham Public Library

Mary Pinkham, Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library

Maureen Stomont, Boothbay Railway Village

Nyree Thomas, Patten Free Library, Bath

David Schumacher, Skidompha Library, Damariscotta.

Regional Library System (Statewide) Committees

Maine Library Excellence Award Committee

Sally Bannen, Maine Library Association Rep.

Sue Moseley, Friends of Maine Libraries Rep.

Mary Strnad, Maine Library Trustees' Association Rep.

Marian Peterson, South Portland Public Library Director

Mascot Committee

Shelly Davis, Mantor Library, University of Maine at Farmington (CMLD)

Lynn McCarthy, Portland Schools (SMLD)

Laurie Rose, Orono Public Library (NMLD)

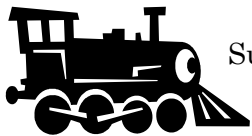
Sarah Sugden, Waterville Public Library (CMLD)

GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICS

- **COMMUNICATIONS:** The Central District published its *Noteworthy* newsletter twice this year: fall 2006 and spring 2007. Continuous updating of the web site allows member libraries to learn about programs, services, workshops, trainings, and other continuing education opportunities sponsored by the district. Email distribution lists are employed to alert groups of upcoming meetings. The Executive Board has decided to suspend mass mailing of the printed newsletter; libraries wanting to receive a print copy must opt in after the Spring 2007 issue. The newsletter will be available on the website.
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Membership stands at 164: 76 public, 59 school systems (204 individual schools), 8 academic, and 21 special library members.
- **PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION:** The CMLD Professional Collection of library management-related titles is housed in the District Consultant's office. In the current climate of easier methods of requesting books among Maine libraries, this collection (listed in URSUS) is readily available to anyone through the requestor function. It may be time to re-evaluate housing this collection separately.
- **INQUIRIES TO CONSULTANT'S OFFICE:** The district consultant responded to 63 telephone inquiries from the field which resulted in extended consultations. Email queries are numerous, and while a definitive count has not been kept, a conservative estimate of 2 to 3 per week would equal 130 for a 12 month period. Areas of greatest concern continue to be fiscal constraints and trustee-director relations. There are also several libraries planning expansions or new facilities. Consequently there are many inquiries about fundraising, capital campaigns, and grant-writing. The need for very basic library training (weeding, cataloging, collection development) is evident both on MeLibs [listserv] and from the inquiries received in the district office.
- **BOOK REVIEW PROGRAM:** The "Five for Five" children's book review program continues, offering new publishers' books to reviewers in exchange for a written review and one dollar (to defray related expenses, such as copying and shipping). 1295 books were received from publishers during FY 2006-2007. 1,358 written reviews were submitted by CMLD book reviewers and sent to the publishers. Books which do not get reviewed are given to libraries at various meetings.

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THIRD SUMMER READING CELEBRATION



Summer readers, families and chaperones enjoyed the third annual Summer Reading Celebration (SRC) at Boothbay Railway Village on Sunday, August 20, 2006. More than 115 SRC tickets were turned in by summer readers, while the total gate count for that day exceeded 1000. (Each ticket represents admission of one child and one adult.) Entertainment included train rides, puppets, an author read-aloud, a book illustration demo, and a magic show. The attendees represented 25 libraries. The celebration is planned by a CMLD committee of children's librarians to inspire participation in library summer reading programs.

DISTRICT LEVEL CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' ROUND TABLES

Attendance declined over the previous year. Re-structuring may be needed to increase interest. Possibly, meetings could be offered regionally and/or by library size. 2007-2008 will explore these options.

S.P.A.R.K. (Stimulating Programs And Resources for Kids) – 43 total attendees

- September 11, 2006. Skidompha (Damariscotta) 4 attendees. *Library Services to Homeschoolers.*
- November 13, 2006. Topsham Public Library. 14 attendees. *YA/Teen Services*
- March 26, 2007. Auburn Public Library. 12 attendees. *Literacy Kits.*
- January 16, 2007, Hubbard (Hallowell). 6 attendees *Working with Volunteers*
- June 4, 2007 Patten Free Library, Bath. 7 attendees. *Maine Children's Book Awards.*

This core group of 6 to 8 individuals is joined by others who attend when they can. Attendees are almost entirely from public libraries, including children's librarians and friends of libraries. Major reason most often cited for attending is networking with others. Other reasons mentioned are: to get programming ideas, to see other libraries, and to learn about a particular topic. Attendees who turned in evaluations unanimously stated the meetings met their expectations. Boothbay Railway Village.

AUGUSTA AND WATERVILLE AREA SCHOOL LIBRARIAN MEETINGS: - 20 total attendees

Networking and learning about the focus topic were cited as reasons for attending these meetings.

- October 19, 2006. Cony High School. 6 attendees; *updates & tour of new school.*
- January 17, 2007. Maine State Library. 10 attendees. *Novelist training.*
- April 26, 2007. Hallowell Elementary School. 4 attendees. *School policies on student use of electronic devices (iPods, cell phones, etc.)*

FARMINGTON AREA LIBRARIANS: 20 total attendees

This group formed in early 2006 for networking, collegial support, and discussion of focus topics. Library staff members from Franklin, Somerset, and northern Kennebec Counties meet quarterly at Farmington Public Library.

- September 8, 2006. 6 attendees. *Updates & set topics for rest of year.*
- December 5, 2006. 5 attendees. *MARVEL! demo at Mantor Library.*
- March 16, 2007. 6 attendees. *Weeding the Small Public Library Collection.*
- June 5, 2007. 3 attendees. *Starting or Revitalizing a Friends Group.*

WEEDING WORKSHOPS – 34 total attendees

December 18, 2006. Rockport Public Library staff, 5 attendees.

January 31, 2007. Ricker Library (Poland). 8 attendees.

February 16, 2007. Patten Free Library (Bath). 3 attendees.

March 23, 2007. Winslow Public Library. 8 attendees.

April 18, 2007. Bridge Academy Public Library (Dresden). 10 attendees.

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS' INTEREST GROUP

September 7, 2006 Auburn Public Library 8 attendees

December 12, 2006. Central Maine Community College. 12 attendees

March 15, 2007. Lithgow Public Library. 6 attendees

May 10, 2007. Maine State Library 2 attendees

MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROJECTS

The following projects were planned and facilitated by the three library Districts of the Maine Regional Library System -- Central, Northeastern and Southern -- working together.

PUBLIC AWARENESS

The “Maine Coon Cat” was chosen as the *Maine Libraries Mascot*. A statewide committee began work on this project in 2005, culminating in the debut appearance of the mascot at the Hall of Flags in January, 2007. “Baxter” was named with input from the public and libraries statewide and began statewide appearances in April, 2007.

Several *exhibits* were sponsored to further promote Maine Libraries and the MARVEL! databases. Conferences of the Maine Municipal Association, Maine Adult Education Association, and Maine Association of Retirees were among the scheduled exhibits.

MAINE LIBRARIES WEBSITE continues to provide library information to the general public. This site was launched in 2004 as part of the Maine Libraries: Something for Everyone campaign funded by a New Century grant. This website has now migrated to the Maine State Government’s server and is under the aegis of the Maine State Library. This was done to address the issue of long-term sustainability of the site, which is now handled by the MSL web coordinator with some assistance from the three district offices. District Consultants and PR Committees continue to encourage librarians to update their information and events to keep the site fresh.

NEW PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS’ ORIENTATION

Seventeen new library directors attended the newly expanded, day-long session Monday, June 11, 2007, at the Maine State Library. Maine State Library staff reviewed services available to them during the morning and afternoon sessions.

PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS’ INSTITUTE

The 11th Annual Public Library Directors’ Institute was attended by 62 directors Tuesday, June 12, 2007. Keynote speaker Laurie Lachance reported on research she did for the Brookings Institute about economic development in Maine. The Institute included breakout sessions in the morning and afternoon about technology updates, building maintenance, safety in the library, and legal issues and answers. Also included were updates from the Districts and the Maine State Library.

MAINE LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD



CMLD again facilitated the work of the statewide Excellence Award Committee through its third year, 2006. This award was created in 2004 to recognize excellence in Maine public libraries of all sizes. Casco Public Library and Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham were selected from the eight 2006 applicants. Casco won the “under 10,000” population category for their “Homeschool Alliance” program and Baxter won in the larger, population category (serving populations of 10,000 and over) for their Annual Writing Contest. Awards were presented during a special Hall of Flags Maine Libraries Week celebration on January 11, 2007.

LIBRARY MAKEOVERS

CMLD joined SMLD for their second year of library makeovers. Four public libraries were selected for makeovers: Spaulding Memorial (Sebago), D.A. Hurd (North Berwick), Webster (Kingfield), and New Vineyard.

**SUMMARY OF DISTRICT LEVEL
MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, AND PROGRAMS**
(Attendance is in parentheses.)

Council Meetings (124)

November 2, 2006 *Getting Organized*, Augusta Civic Center (54)
January 25, 2007 *Getting Organized Follow-up*, Augusta Holiday Inn (34)
May 19, 2007 *So You Think You Know Copyright!* Auburn Public Library (36)

Executive Board Meetings

October 11, 2006 Lewiston Public Library
December 7, 2006 Lithgow Public Library, Augusta
February 8, 2007 Maine State Library
April 6, 2007 Maine State Library
June 19, 2007 Annual Meeting, Martindale CC, Auburn

Farmington Area Librarians (24)

September 8, 2006 Farmington Public Library (7)
December 5, 2006 Farmington Public Library (6)
March 16, 2007 Farmington Public Library (7)
June 5, 2007 Farmington Public Library (4)

School Librarians' Meetings (20)

October 19, 2006 Cony High School, Augusta (6)
January 17, 2007 Maine State Library (10)
April 26, 2007 Hallowell Elementary School (4)

Children's Librarians' Meetings (S.P.A.R.K.) (43)

September 11, 2006 Skidompha, Damariscotta, (4)
November 13, 2006 Topsham Public Library (14)
March 26, 2007 Auburn Public Library (12)
January 16, 2007 Hubbard Free Library, Hallowell (6)
June 4, 2007 Patten Free Library, Bath (7)

Special Events

August 20, 2006 Summer Reading Celebration at Boothbay Railway Village
January 11, 2007 Maine Libraries Week Celebration, Hall of Flags
June 11-12, 2007 Public Library Directors' Institute, MSL & Augusta Civic Center

Weeding Workshops (34)

December 18, 2006 Rockport Public Library staff, (5)
January 31, 2007 Ricker Library (Poland) (8)
February 16, 2007 Patten Free Library (Bath) (3)
March 23, 2007 Winslow Public Library (8)
April 18, 2007 Bridge Academy Public Library (Dresden) (10)

Reference Librarians' Interest Group (28)

September 7, 2006 Auburn Public Library (8)
December 12, 2006 Central Maine Community College (12)
March 15, 2007 Lithgow Public Library (6)
May 10, 2007 Maine State Library (2)

Public Libraries Albion Public Library ~ Andover Public Library ~ Anson, Stewart Public Library ~ Auburn Public Library ~ Augusta, Lithgow Library ~ Bath, Patten Free Library ~ Belgrade Public Library ~ Bethel Library Association ~ Bingham Public Library ~ Boothbay Harbor Memorial Library ~ Bowdoinham Public Library ~ Bremen Public Library ~ Bristol Area Library ~ Buckfield, Zadoc Long Free Library ~ Canaan Public Library ~ Carrabasset Valley Library ~ China, Brown Memorial Library ~ China, South China Public Library ~ Clinton, Brown Memorial Library ~ Damariscotta, Skidompha Public Library ~ Dixfield, Ludden Memorial Library ~ Dresden, Bridge Academy Public Library ~ Eustis, Stratton Public Library ~ Fairfield, Lawrence Public Library ~ Farmington Public Library ~ Fayette, Underwood Memorial Library ~ Gardiner Public Library ~ Georgetown, Laura E. Richards Library ~ Greene, Morse Memorial Library ~ Hallowell, Hubbard Free Library ~ Hartland Public Library ~ Jackman Public Library ~ Jay-Niles Memorial Library ~ Kingfield, Webster Free Library ~ Lewiston Public Library ~ Lisbon Library Department ~ Livermore Falls, Treat Memorial Library ~ Livermore Public Library ~ Lovell, Lewis Dana Hill Memorial Library ~ Madison Public Library ~ Mechanic Falls Public Library ~ Mercer, Shaw Public Library ~ Mexico Free Public Library ~ Monmouth, Cumston Public Library ~ Monhegan Memorial Library ~ Mount Vernon, Dr. Shaw Memorial Library ~ New Portland Community Library ~ New Sharon Town Library ~ New Vineyard Public Library ~ Norridgewock Free Public Library ~ Norway Memorial Library ~ Oakland Public Library ~ Oxford, Freeland Holmes Library ~ Paris, Hamlin Memorial Library ~ Paris Public Library ~ Phillips Public Library ~ Phippsburg, Albert F. Totman Library ~ Pittsfield Public Library ~ Poland, Ricker Memorial Library ~ Rangeley Public Library ~ Readfield Community Library ~ Richmond, Umberhine Public Library ~ Rumford Public Library ~ Skowhegan Public Library ~ Solon, Coolidge Library ~ South Bristol, Rutherford Library ~ Southport Memorial Library ~ Squirrel Island Library ~ Topsham Public Library ~ Turner Public Library ~ Vassalboro Public Library ~ Waldoboro Public Library ~ Waterford Library Association ~ Waterville Public Library ~ Wayne, Cary Memorial Library ~ Wayne ~ Weld Public Library ~ West Paris Public Library ~ Wilton Free Public Library ~ Winslow Public Library ~ Winthrop, Bailey Public Library ~ Wiscasset Public Library ~ Woodstock, Whitman Memorial Library

School Libraries Auburn Schools ~ Augusta Schools ~ Bath Schools ~ Boothbay-Boothbay Harbor CSD ~ Brunswick Schools ~ Carrabasset Valley Academy, Carrabasset ~ Gould Academy, Bethel ~ Hebron Academy, Hebron ~ Jay Schools ~ Kents Hill School, Readfield ~ Lewiston Schools ~ Maine Central Institute, Pittsfield ~ Maranacook CSD - (Manchester, Mount Vernon, Readfield, Wayne) ~ Monmouth Schools ~ Mt. Merici Elementary School, Waterville ~ Oak Hill CSD - (Litchfield, Sabattus, Wales) ~ Peru Elementary School ~ Richmond Schools ~ St. Athanasius School, Rumford ~ St. John School, Winslow ~ St. Joseph's School, Lewiston ~ St. Mary's School, Augusta ~ Waterville Schools ~ Winthrop Schools ~ Wiscasset Schools ~ SAD 5 (Owl's Head, Rockland, South Thomaston) ~ SAD 9 (Chesterville, Farmington, Industry, New Sharon, New Vineyard, Temple, Vienna, Weld, Wilton) ~ SAD 11 (Gardiner, Pittston, Randolph, West Gardiner) ~ SAD 12 (Jackman, Moose River) ~ SAD 13 (Bingham, Caratunk, Moscow, The Forks PLT., West Forks PLT.) ~ SAD 16 (Farmingdale, Hallowell) ~ SAD 17 (Harrison, Hebron, Norway, Otisfield, Oxford, Paris, Waterford, West Paris) ~ SAD 21 (Canton, Carthage, Dixfield) ~ SAD 36 (Fayette, Livermore, Livermore Falls) ~ SAD 39 (Buckfield, Hartford, Sumner) ~ SAD 40 (Friendship, Union, Waldoboro, Warren, Washington) ~ SAD 43 (Byron, Mexico, Roxbury) ~ SAD 44 (Andover, Bethel, Greenwood, Newry, Woodstock) ~ SAD 47 (Belgrade, Oakland, Sidney) ~ SAD 49 (Albion, Benton, Clinton, Fairfield) ~ SAD 50 (Cushing, St. George, Thomaston) ~ SAD 52 (Greene, Leeds, Turner) ~ SAD 53 (Burnham, Detroit, Pittsfield) ~ SAD 54 (Canaan, Cornville, Mercer, Norridgewock, Skowhegan, Smithfield) ~ SAD 58 (Avon, Eustis, Kingfield, Phillips, Strong) ~ SAD 59 (Athens, Brighton PLT., Madison, Starks) ~ SAD 74 (Anson, Embden, New Portland, Solon) ~ SAD 75 (Bowdoin, Bowdoinham, Harpswell, Topsham) ~ Union 29 (Mechanic Falls, Minot, Poland) ~ Union 30 (Durham, Lisbon) ~ Union 37 (Dallas PLT., Lincoln PLT., Magalloway PLT., Rangeley, Rangeley PLT., Sandy River PLT.) ~ Union 42 (Manchester, Mount Vernon, Readfield, Rome, Wayne) ~ Union 44 (Litchfield, Sabattus, Wales) ~ Union 47 (Arrowsic, Georgetown, Phippsburg, West Bath, Woolwich) ~ Union 48 (Alna, Dresden, Westport) ~ Union 49 (Edgecomb, Southport) ~ Union 51 (Chelsea, Jefferson, Palermo, Somerville, Whitefield, Windsor) ~ Union 52 (China, Vassalboro, Winslow) ~ Union 74 (Bremen, Bristol, Damariscotta, Newcastle, Nobleboro, South Bristol)

Academic Libraries Ladd Library, Bates College, Lewiston ~ Hawthorne Longfellow Library, Bowdoin College, Brunswick ~ Central Maine Community College Library, Auburn ~ Miller Library, Colby College, Waterville ~ Kennebec Valley Community College Media Center, Fairfield ~ Marriner Library, Thomas College, Waterville ~ Katz Library, University of Maine at Augusta ~ Mantor Library, UMFarmington

Special Libraries Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences Library, West Boothbay Harbor ~ Central Maine Medical Center, Lewiston ~ Chewonki Foundation, Roger Tory Peterson Library of Natural History, Wiscasset ~ Togus VA Center Learning Resources, Augusta ~ Franklin Memorial Hospital, Turner Memorial Library, Farmington ~ Maine Criminal Justice Academy, Vassalboro ~ Maine Dept. of Environmental Protection & Dept. of Conservation Library, Augusta ~ Maine Office of Substance Abuse, Augusta ~ Maine Law & Legislative Reference Library, Augusta ~ Maine Maritime Museum, Bath ~ Maine Public Utilities Commission, Information Resource Center, Augusta ~ Maine State Library, Augusta ~ Margaret Chase Smith Library, Skowhegan ~ Medical Care Development Library, Augusta ~ McLaughlin Foundation, South Paris ~ Miles Memorial Hospital, Medical Library, Damariscotta ~ Pine Tree State Arboretum, Augusta ~ Redington Fairview General Hospital, Health Sciences Library, Skowhegan ~ Saint Mary's Regional Medical Center, Lewiston ~ Stephens Memorial Library, Norway